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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV ACCENT ON TITO VISIT TO GDR

1. ATTENTION WHICH YUGOSLAV MEDIA PAID TO TITO'S GDR VISIT SUGGESTS THAT GOY ATTACHED AT LEAST SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE TO IT ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS APPEARED TO BE MODEST. DURING VISIT YUGOSLAV TELEVISION RAN EXTENSIVE FOOTAGE OF TITO PUBLIC APPEARANCES IN BERLIN AND LEIPZIG. HE APPEARED IMPRESSED BY FUSS HOSTS MADE OVER HIM AND BY LARGE CROWDS OF EAST GERMANS WHO CHEERED HIM WHEREVER HE WENT. YUGOSLAV TELEVISION ALSO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED COPIES OF NEWSPAPERS' GREETING TITO IN BOTH GERMAN AND SERBO-CROATIAN. ONLY NEGATIVE NOTE WAS APPEARANCE AT ARRIVAL OF GOOSE-SETEPPING HONOR GUARDS, WHICH A YUGOSLAV DIPLOMAT CONFIRMED, CONJURED UP BAD MEMORIES FROM THE PAST.

2. IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND COMMUNIQUE, YUGOSLAVS WOVE FAVORITE FORMULATIONS ON CONDUCTING RELATIONS ON BASIS OF EQUALITY, NON-INTERFERENCE, UTUAL RESPECT, ETC. AND RECOGNITION OF SEPARATE VIEWS ON SOCIALISM AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THESE THEMES HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY EMPHASIZED IN CONTINUING MEDIA COVERAGE OF VISIT SINCE TITO RETURNED TO BELGRADE. ARTICLES ALSO REPEATEDLY

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NOTED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GDR AND YUGOSLAVIA'S INTERNATIONAL

POSITIONS AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS REFERENCES TO
UNSPECIFIED VARYING VIEWPOINTS ON OTHER ISSUES.
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